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Georgetown Site Sought For Heliport

Plans to remodel the old Capital Traction Co. powerhouse on the Georgetown waterfront to provide a rooftop heliport were disclosed yesterday at a Civil Aeronautics Board hearing on the need for scheduled helicopter service for the Washington-Baltimore area.

Frank J. Luchs, executive

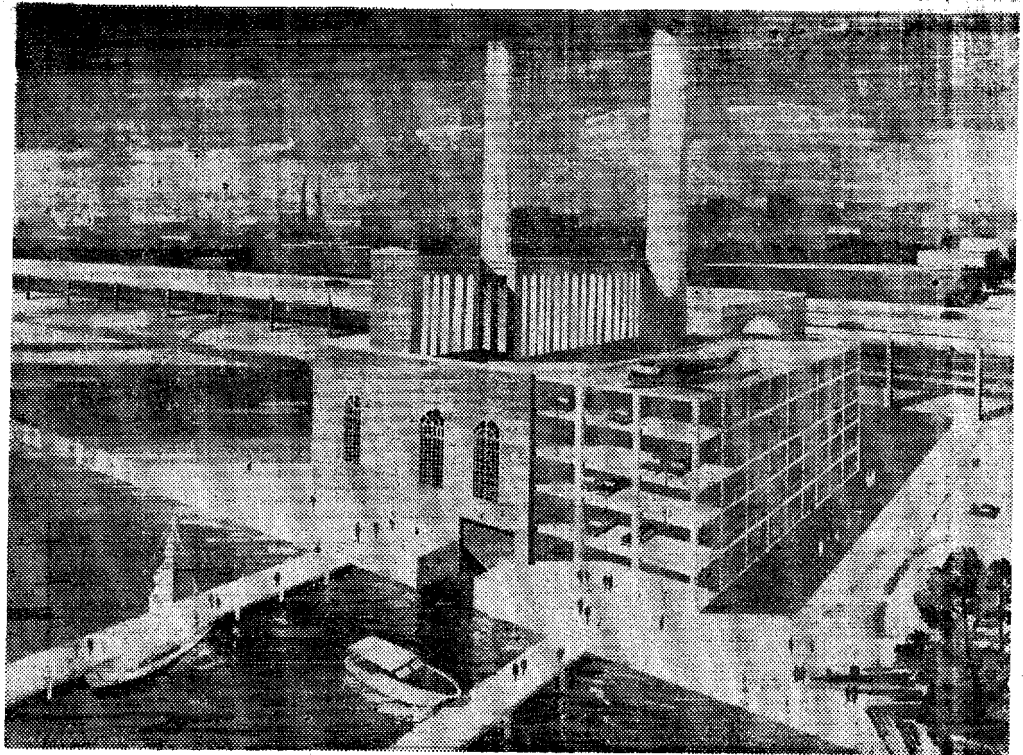
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vice president of Shannon & Luchs Co., realtors, testified that the developer of the property had agreed to lease the property to Pilgrim Helicopter Services.

Pilgrim is one of eight firms seeking CAB sanction to operate scheduled helicopter service to Dulles International Airport, National Airport and Baltimore's Friendship International Airport.

Luchs told CAB Hearing Examiner Ralph L. Wiser that the lessee of the property, Robert Johnson, owner of an outdoor movie chain in the District and Virginia, had agreed to a lease of "five years or more."

Luchs, a member of Pilgrim's board of directors, said plans for remodeling the powerhouse at 3142 K st. nw. calls for installation of an ice skating rink, restaurant, cocktail lounge and a parking garage capable of accommodating 500 automobiles.



New Look Seen for Old Powerhouse

This sketch shows the proposed remodeling of the old Capital Traction Co. powerhouse at Wisconsin ave. and K st. nw. in Georgetown. It would enable Pilgrim Helicopter Services to provide rooftop

helicopter service to Dulles, Friendship

and National Airports. The smokestacks, which protrude by 100 feet, would have to be torn down. As an alternative, river dock facilities that would permit helicopter landings and takeoffs on floats have been suggested. Story on page A1.

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